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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING SUBSTRATE CARRIERS
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Art Unit: 3652
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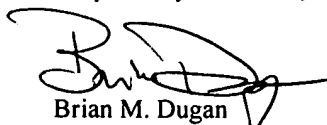
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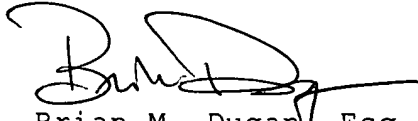
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.
Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 987 750 A1 (EPO)
Foreign Art Reference No. EP 1 134 641 A1 (EPO)
Foreign Art Reference No. WO 99/64207 (WIPO)
Foreign Art Reference No. WO 02/19392 A1 (WIPO)

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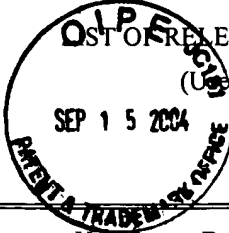
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent
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U.S. Patent Documents							
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	US-1	5,762,544	Zuniga et al.	451	285		
	US-2						
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Foreign Patent Documents							Translation	
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	F-1	EP 0 987 750 A1	03/22/00	EPO		X		
	F-2	EP 1 134 641 A1	09/19/01	EPO		X		
	F-3	WO 99/64207	12/16/99	WIPO		X		
	F-4	WO 02/19392 A1	03/07/02	WIPO		X		
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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